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NEWS SUMMARY: Dr. Chaos Sentenced

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that Joseph D. Konopka, (a/k/a Dr. Chaos), d.o.b. 6/24/76, of Green Bay, Wisconsin was sentenced in federal court today to twenty three years in prison without parole by United States District Judge Lynn Adelman. Konopka also was ordered to spend 5 years on supervised release following his prison term and to pay \$435,928.85 in restitution.

Konopka was sentenced after pleading guilty in December, 2002 to 6 different violations of federal law relating to conspiracy to destroy energy facilities, arson of buildings, trafficking in counterfeit goods, intercepting electronic communications and causing damage to a protected computer.

Konopka was convicted of conspiring to destroy communication facilities, energy facilities, air navigation facilities and buildings during a period from 1998 to 2001. The conspiracy included more than 50 acts, which caused approximately 28 power outages and 20 other service interruptions affecting more than 30,000 power customers. These destructive acts also caused more than \$800,000 in damages.

Konopka was also convicted of starting a fire at the Bush Brothers food processing company in Shiocton, Wisconsin, and damaging a computer of an internet service provider. Konopka also was convicted of intercepting e-mails of customers of two internet service providers.

The sentencing was delayed for more than a year to await an appellate court ruling of an issue in another lawsuit that directly affected Mr. Konopka's case.

This case was investigated by the Milwaukee Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other federal and local law enforcement agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Sheriff's Departments from Kewaunee County, Brown County, Shawano County, Door County, Outagamie County, Oconto County, Marquette County, Green Lake County, Adams County, Marinette County, Winnebago County, Fond du Lac County, and Manitowoc County, plus the Ripon Police Department, Sturgeon Bay Police Department, Green Bay Police Department, University of Illinois-Chicago Police Department and Chicago Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen A. Ingraham.

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